

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division  
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Natural Gas Service Rate Increase  
Application

Case No. PU-13-803

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Jen Lein** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action, and, on the **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **December, 2013**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Ms. Rita A. Mulkern  
Regulatory Analysis Manager  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North Fourth Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

**Cert. No. 7013 2630 0001 2317 0194**

**Jen Lein** further deposes and says that on the **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **December, 2013**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same:

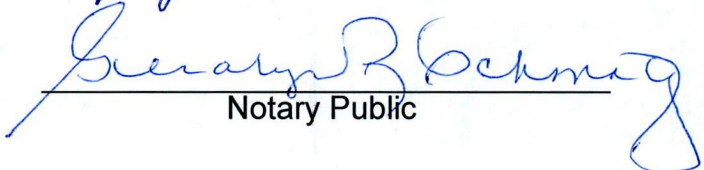
Mr. Daniel S. Kuntz  
Associate General Counsel  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
PO Box 5650  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5650

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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

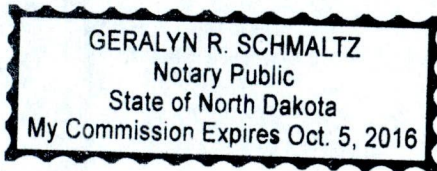
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of **December, 2013**.

  
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Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**December 30, 2013**

On September 18, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application to increase its rates for natural gas service to provide additional 2014 test year annual revenue of \$6,800,000 or a 6.4% increase over current rates.

On October 9, 2013, the Commission approved MDU's request for an interim rate increase based on the projected 2014 increase request. The interim rate increase of \$4,500,000, or 4.162% over current rates, became effective for natural gas service on and after November 17, 2013. MDU is required to refund interim rate amounts in excess of final rates approved by the Commission, including interest.

On October 23, 2013, MDU and Commission Advocacy Staff (Staff) entered into a Settlement Agreement, which they assert will resolve the expense, revenue and return issues in this proceeding. The October 23 Settlement Agreement did not address or resolve outstanding rate design issues.

On December 30, 2013, the Commission adopted an Order on Settlement approving the October 23, 2013 Settlement Agreement.

**A Public Hearing is scheduled to begin February 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. CST in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505** to address rate design issues not resolved by the October 23, 2013 Settlement Agreement as approved by the Commission. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on MDU's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. Are MDU's proposed rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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